



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region 8

**Meeting Date:** April 15, 2015  
**Meeting Location:** Vigo County DCS  
30 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Terre Haute, IN 47807

**Council Members Present:** Heidi Decker, Vigo County Director; Andrea Williams, Parke County Director; Diana Thomson, Clay County FCM; Mike Goodwin, Sullivan County Director; Jason Holt, Clay County Director; Susan Lesko, Regional Manager; Megan Richardson, Vigo County DCS Supervisor;

**Council Members Absent:** Terry Modesitt, Vigo County Prosecutor; Judy Schoffstall, Foster Parent Representative; Judge Dan Kelly, Vigo County Circuit Judge; Bruce Stengel, Vermillion Circuit Judge; Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director;

**Others in Attendance:** Sheila Johnson, Vigo County DCS; Kristina Killen, Regional Services Coordinator; Kelly Hunckler, Gibault; Sandy Waldrige, Children's Bureau; Angi Johnson, Children's Bureau; Jeremiah Brown, Lifeline Youth and Family Services; Richard Turner, Lifeline Youth and Family Services; Christina Hall, Sullivan County Supervision Center; Heather Anderson, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Jessica Rice, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Penny Bluebaum, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Diana Cooper-Bolinsky, ISU Department of Social Work; Mary Yelton, CRADLES of Clay County; Misty Kitchell, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Sarah Schroeder, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Amanda Payne, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Kathy Ocampo, Hamilton Center; Meghan Green, Hamilton Center; Jenna Bledsoe, Intern at Children's Bureau; Brenda Chapin, Villages; Kenneth Malapote, Southwest Indiana Youth Village; Emily Owens, Hamilton Center; Deb Hobson, Hamilton Center; Becky Southwick, Raintree Consulting; Keith Lindsey, Raintree Consulting;

Meeting Minutes
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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 3:00pm

Susan Lesko welcomed attendees and led the introductions. Jason Holt was introduced as the Clay County Director. Minutes were read from the January 14, 2015 meeting. Susan entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Minutes accepted.

Budget Update

Susan Lesko – Region 8 is over budget by 1% and still has a quarter to go.

#### Community Partners/Prevention Services Update

Sandy Waldrige - Handed out information through March 2015. 181 referred in 2015.

Father Engagement – 49 fathers referred in 2015.

Allocated fund for 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015 – currently has \$17,629.98 in reserve.

Happiness Bag doesn't need funding this year.

#### Biennial Strategic Plan

Kristina Killen – RFP for services and contracts are moving forward but not finalized.

#### CRADLES

Mary Yelton – Handed out information through March 2015. 48 total number of participants recruited.

#### Sullivan County Family Court Project

Christina Hall – Handed out information through March 2015. They have served four families in 2015. They are requesting an additional \$6,000.00 in funds.

#### Wraparound

Emily Owens – Handed out information thru March 2015. 30 referred in 2015 (Clay not included). 44 Families served under prevention funds (Clay not included). Vigo County is currently serving 5 families under CMHI.

#### Additional Business

#### Gibault

Kelly Hunckler - There will be a Youth Workers Café on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 – 1:00. They hope to have a data café once a year.

#### Children's Bureau

Angi Johnson – Their intern Jenna Bledsoe will be an intern with Parke County DCS next fall.

#### DCS

Candlelight Vigils held in Sullivan and Vigo Counties were a success.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30p.m.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 3:00pm in the second floor training room.